

We then did two related activities using our sense of touch.

At the hardware store, I purchased sandpaper in three different grades. I cut a square from each grade of sandpaper and glued them onto small pieces of cardboard to make sandpaper cards for a sandpaper grading activity. I also cut several smaller strips from each sheet of sandpaper for a sandpaper matching activity.



I introduced the activity by inviting my kids to a table. I put the sandpaper cards on the table and encouraged them to explore them. The kids agreed that they were rough. But they also noticed that some of the sandpaper cards were rougher than others.



On this particular day, the kids' "babies" wanted to join in on the fun. So of course the monkeys got to feel the sandpaper as well. 😊

Once the kids (and monkeys!) had explored the sandpaper, I had the kids put on their blindfolds. In our case, their "blindfolds" are ski hats that they like to pull over their faces. 😊



I then encouraged them to put the sand paper in order from smoothest to roughest using only their sense of touch.



Once they had the sandpaper in order, they took their blindfolds off and checked the numbers I had written on the back of the cards to see if they had done it correctly.



Both kids did well grading three sandpaper cards. Then I invited them to do a sandpaper matching activity.

Having already put the sandpaper cards in order by grade, they put their blindfolds back on. Then I handed them small strips of sandpaper, one at a time, and invited them to match the strip to the sandpaper card of the same grade.



Both kids were able to match *most* of the sandpaper strips, but did make some mistakes. In that regard, this activity was at a perfect level for them. Not so easy that they didn't learn anything, but not so difficult that they were frustrated.

All in all, they really enjoyed this short lesson. And it makes for a very easy sense of touch activity for kids!